

IN THE CLAIMS:

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Please add the following new claim 16 as follows:

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REMARKS

Claims 1-3 and 16 are pending in the application. Support for the newly added claim 16 can be found at, *inter alia*, page 2 in the specification. No new matter has been inserted into the application.

Non-Responsive Amendment

Applicant notes that the Examiner has issued a notice of non-responsiveness to Applicant's previously filed Amendment of February 13, 2002 because claim 4 of the previously elected invention was canceled and claims 5-15 that had been newly presented belong to a non-elected group. The Examiner stated that Applicant cannot elect a different group after receiving an Office Action on the originally elected Group.

Applicant submits herewith an Amendment reinstating the originally elected invention by way of newly added claim 16. Accordingly, it is believed that the present Amendment is responsive to the Office action of October 19, 2001. Applicant also submits that Applicant never

received an Office Action Summary, if there ever was one produced, and as a result, the period of response was not clear to the Applicant. In any case, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to maintain pendency of the application by considering the Amendment submitted herein.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph

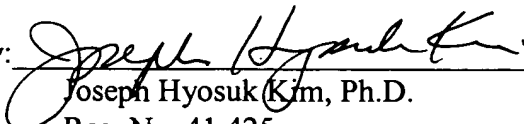
Claim 4 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as being indefinite. Applicant notes that the newly added claim 16, which replaces previously canceled claim 4 is definite. Accordingly, this rejection has been overcome.

The undersigned attorney welcomes comments and suggestions from the Examiner. If a telephone conversation can further prosecution of this case in any manner, the Examiner is urged to telephone the attorney at the number listed below. The Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account 07-1853 for any fees due to secure entry of this amendment to the extent necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

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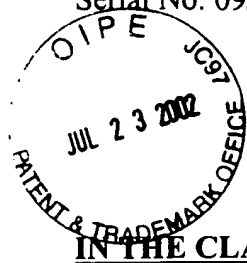
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VERSION MARKED TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

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